are empowered to exercise over any water supply, waste water purification or solid waste disposal project authorized by this article except as provided for in Section 12(e) of this article. Provided further that nothing herein contained shall be taken as authority or power to interfere with, restrict or otherwise affect the operation of existing waste water purification, WATER SUPPLY or solid waste disposal projects found by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to be adequately and lawfully operated by municipalities having jurisdiction or responsibility for them, except by their express consent and agreement.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 26, 1972.

## CHAPTER 524 (House Bill 536)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 756 SECTION 757(E) of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Shore Erosion Control"; to repeal Section 757(e) of said article, title and subtitle, and to add new subsection (f) to Section 758A of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Shore Erosion Control," AND TO ADD NEW SECTION 758A(F) TO THE SAID ARTICLE AND SUBTITLE OF THE CODE, to follow immediately after Section 758A(e) of said article, title and subtitle, to remove a restriction on shore erosion control on State-owned lands, to delete THEREOF, TO REPEAL a procedure for creating shore erosion control districts by resolution of the Board of Public Works, and to provide that counties, the City of Baltimore, and municipal corporations are eligible to receive interest-free loans from the Shore Erosion Control Construction Loan Fund covering the full project construction cost of approved projects.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 756 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Shore Erosion Control," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## 756.

The Department of Natural Resources shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To develop and implement a program to educate the public on all phases of shore and bank erosion, its causes, its effects, the locations where erosion is a problem, and steps to be taken to control erosion.